

## STOCK GAMBLERS PLAY POSSUM WITH ROCK ISLAND

Sensational Rise of 31 Points  
Followed By Equally as  
Sensational Fall Back

Various Reasons Assigned  
for Remarkable and Un-  
expected Display None of  
Which Seemingly Ex-  
plains.

(Special from United Press.)  
New York, Dec. 28.—There was a wild  
half hour in the New York Exchange  
yesterday, beginning at the top of the  
gong, when a bull movement sent  
Rock Island up from 50 1/2 to 51, where  
the bears smashed the prices back to  
49 1/2. During the half hour 52,000 shares  
of the stock were bought and sold.

The wild flurry in Rock Island is  
said to have been occasioned by the  
calls for stock which had been sold  
short and which the sellers could not  
deliver. London speculators are said  
to have disposed of a large amount  
of stock short and then forced to  
deliver were compelled to go into the  
market and buy at whatever prices  
the stock could be obtained.

Rock Island officials declare there is  
nothing going on in the international  
affairs of the company that would  
warrant the sensational rise and fall.  
The stock opened at 50 1/2 as against  
50 1/2 at the close on Friday. Without  
a break it advanced in 6 minutes to  
51. There were no sales between 50  
and 51, where eleven thousand shares  
were let go. There were other bumps  
of 3 and 4 points between sales until  
the price reached 51.

As rapidly as it rose, Rock Island  
fell, declining to 49 1/2 points being  
noted between sales.

The usual result followed in all other  
stocks, the standard lines showing  
a loss of 1 point or more. At the end  
of half an hour Rock Island had lost  
its entire gain.

An official of the company declared  
that the undersigned had been a  
considerable short interest in the stock  
and it looked to him like some of these  
short sellers, forced to deliver, were  
being squeezed by the lucky owners  
of the stock.

Judge William H. Moore is in Chi-  
cago and Daniel G. Reid declares he  
did not get up that stock. These two  
men virtually own and control the  
Rock Island system. The entire move-  
ment, if it is said, was not engineered  
by the Rock Island interest.

London and Paris speculators, it is  
rumored have been large buyers of the  
stock and it is believed the jump in  
the New York market immediately at-  
tended following cables to buy the  
stock for the account of foreign specu-  
lators who had sold calls for it.

It was rumored about in Wall street  
Friday that the Moore-Reid clique,  
which virtually control Rock Island,  
had taken over a controlling interest  
in the Lehigh Valley Railroad Com-  
pany and that this was probably the  
first step in a plan to combine Le-  
high, Rock Island, Wabash and Den-  
ver & Rio Grande into a new trans-  
continental system from New York  
to San Francisco, in competition with  
the Hill and Harriman lines.

The governors of the Stock Ex-  
change, it is declared this afternoon,  
will begin an immediate investigation  
and punish those responsible for this  
morning's pyrotechnics. It has been  
unwritten law of the exchange for a  
number of years that there must be  
no corner maintained in any stock,  
and today's episode shows plainly,  
it is said, that a clique has secured  
and is holding an iron bound corner  
on Rock Island. When the purchase of  
50,000 shares so expensive a stock  
as Rock Island sends the stocks up 30  
points, it means, according to finan-  
ciers, that a group of men is holding  
all the stock and will not sell to the  
public. The governors are said to fear  
that such an occurrence as today's  
will work more harm to the exchange  
than good. Up to 11 a. m. 144,700  
shares of Rock Island had changed  
hands. The trading was much larger  
than in the famous Northern Pacific  
corner.

## Man Driving Fights Wolves With Whip

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A pack of eight  
wolves attacked Henry Lund and his  
horses while he was driving through  
the woods near Montgomery, Ill., yester-  
day according to a story he told  
on arriving home.

The wolves first leaped upon the  
horses, severely biting them and then  
attempted to leap into the sleigh. Lund  
fought them off with a heavy whip.  
With his horses bleeding and exhausted  
by a long gallop over heavy roads,  
he finally reached a clearing, where  
the wolves were frightened away.

Farmers organized a party to hunt  
the wolves.

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ENGINEER WHO FELL ASLEEP  
AT HIS POST.

Superintendent C. N. Woodward, of the  
Shore Line Division of the New  
Haven railroad system, stated last  
night that Engineer George Camp, who  
was in charge of the "Owl" train  
which sideslipped a freight train at  
Clinton, on a midnight last month,  
while he was confessedly asleep, had  
been discharged from the service of  
the road.

It is said that there are no palliat-  
ing circumstances which can be taken  
into account in a case of this char-  
acter, as the road does not require  
any man to take "the head end" of a  
train, unless he feels fully compe-  
tent to fulfill the duties which a  
position calls for. To this rule as en-  
forced on the New Haven, is attribut-  
ed much of the good fortune which has  
always followed it.

## ANNIE O'CONNELL RECOVERING MIND

New Haven, Dec. 28.—Annie O'Con-  
nell, the young Irish woman who lost  
her mind while on her way to friends  
in East street in this city from New  
York last summer, has been removed  
to the home of her mother in Cork,  
Ireland. She is now undergoing treat-  
ment at the hands of some of the most  
skilful physicians in Dublin. It is  
believed that she is gradually re-  
covering her memory, but thus far, it  
was stated yesterday by her aunt,  
who accompanied her to her old home  
and who has just returned to New  
Haven, there is nothing to indicate  
why she should have suddenly lost  
her memory which has come upon  
her. She is in perfect health.

## Bridegroom Shot by Rival at the Altar

Strickland, Ga., Dec. 28.—Just after  
the minister had pronounced the words  
that made Gabriel Len and Rosa Lee  
Butler man and wife, and the young  
couple were leaving the altar, the  
bridegroom was shot down and killed  
by Joe Jackson at the church, near  
Len's station, and Jackson had been  
rivals for the hand of Miss Butler.

"I love you; good bye darling," said  
Len, as he leaped to the floor in front of  
the altar and died a few minutes later  
in the arms of his wife while mem-  
bers of the congregation formed a  
circle to effect the capture of the fleeing  
Jackson.

A warrant has also been sworn out  
for Henry Johnson, who is charged  
with being an accessory to the shoot-  
ing.

## NEWTOWN.

Miss Anna Carlson is enjoying a  
few days visit with friends in Bridge-  
port.

Miss Jessie Gordon is spending the  
Christmas holidays with relatives in  
Bridgeport.

Mrs. Annie Denon and son Frank  
of Bridgeport, have been guests of  
Mrs. Lucy Cavanaugh.

Miss Minnie Thickett of New Mil-  
ford spent Christmas with her parents  
Mr. and Mrs. William Thickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rupp passed  
Christmas Day with friends in Red-  
ding.

The Southern New England Tele-  
phone Co. have placed a telephone in  
the Barber shop of Oscar Pitzschler,  
the call is 3-12.

Mrs. George Clarke and daughter,  
Florence of Bridgeport have been  
guests of Mrs. John Carlson.

Trinity Notes.—Rev. J. H. George  
preached on St. Stephen, taking his  
text from Acts 7-55, v. 56. Monday  
St. John the Evangelist day, Tuesday  
Holy Innocents day, Holy Com-  
munion will be celebrated to the sick  
in the private. Saturday the feast of  
the Circumcision, Holy Communion  
will be celebrated that morning at  
10:30. Next Sunday the celebration of  
Holy Communion will be at 11 o'clock.

St. Rose's Notes.—Both masses Xmas  
day were well attended and the pastor  
Rev. P. Fox wishes to thank the con-  
gregation for the generous offering.  
Saturday being the feast of the  
Circumcision of Our Lord, a Holy  
day of Obligation, two masses will  
be celebrated at 5:30 and 9 a. m. Con-  
fessions will be heard Friday after-  
noon and evening and beginning at 9  
o'clock mass Saturday morning. Next  
Sunday new year.

An entrance was made into the New-  
town Station, Saturday night by a  
window in the store room. It was an  
excellent time for much work in all  
the store room. It is not estimated  
a great deal was taken. The tele-  
phone booth was broken open also the  
slot machine and express packages  
were broken open and scattered  
around the room.

Newtown is covered deep in snow.  
The steady fall which began Satur-  
day with horses even so late as Satur-  
day morning has piled the drifts high,  
and many roads are impassable. The  
sound of the snow shovel is heard all  
around and many householders have  
been quite snowed in, but by the  
kindness of neighbors have been re-  
lieved. Many persons had predicted  
green Xmas, even so late as Satur-  
day morning but in a few hours their  
fears were allayed and the condition  
of things completely changed. It will  
be some time before many of the  
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